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DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

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PERSONAL INFO

Date of Birth : 27th May, 1976

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Gender : Male

Civil Status : Married

Nationality : Sri Lankan

SKILLS

- Debt Management
- Corporate Tax Planning Knowledge
- Strong Communication Skills
- Process Audits
- Regulatory Compliance
- Risk Advisory
- Individual Tax Returns
- Technology-Savvy
- Relationship Development
- Advanced Excel & Business Modeling Skills
- Persuasive Oral/Written Communication Skills

CAREER OBJECTIVE

Director of Finance who is a member of a senior executive team. Manage all aspects of a company's financial health and long-term growth. Oversees all company financial activities to ensure it stays in strong financial standing. A successful C-level Management Executive with over 24 years of experience in the field of finance with proven track records of revitalization, growth and profitability. Detailed-oriented, driven, highly regarded for leadership specialized excellence in all areas of finance. Accustomed to managing multiple projects simultaneously in fast-paced, deadline-driven environments. In the tools industry, eager to take on high-volume operations. Objective accounting and finance leader who has led financial systems and programs to success. Strong collaborative skills with experience working in a team environment, financial content writer with media presentation skills and able to work effectively alongside individuals from diverse backgrounds.

WORKING EXPERIENCE

- May, 2018 - Onwards
Director of Finance
Universal Lifeline Ceylon Private Limited - Sri Lanka
<https://www.universal-lifeline.com/>
- 2021 - Onwards
Guest Lecturer
University of Sri Jayewardenepura
Corporate Finance for MBA Students
- Feb, 2016 - May, 2018
Financial Controller
Hotel des Mille Collines - Rwanda
<https://millecollines.rw> - 112 Rooms
- Aug, 2014 - Jan, 2016
Director of Finance
Loama Resort Maldives at Maamigili - Maamigili 05161, Raa Atoll - Republic of Maldives
<http://www.loamahotelsandresorts.com> - 105 Rooms
- Aug, 2012 - July, 2014
Financial Controller
Island Hideaway at Dhonakulhi Maldives, Spa Resort & Marina - Haa Alifu Atoll, Dhonakulhi Island, Republic of Maldives.
<http://www.island-hideaway.com/hideaway-main/> - 43 Villas

COMPUTER LITERACY

Sun Systems
Opera
Materials Control
MS Words
MS Excel
Quick Books – Accounting Package
ACCPAC – Accounting Package
E-Mail & Internet
SBS Accounting Package
Protel FO Software Package
FI-ES
Guest Centrix
Boss (Back office Software Solution)

REFERENCE

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Aug, 2010 - July, 2012	Group Finance & Business Support Manager Sun Hotels & Resorts H. Maley Thila, Maheli Goalhi, Malé, Republic of Maldives http://www.thesunsiyam.com/irufushi/ - 221 Rooms http://beachhousecollection.com/ - 84 Rooms http://www.olhuvelimaldives.com/ - 164 Rooms http://www.vilureefmaldives.com/ - 121 Rooms
Sep, 2008 - July, 2010	Financial Controller Plan Hotel (ZNZ) Limited - Mapenzi Beach Village, Mahonda , Zanzibar – Tanzania http://mapenzibeach.sandies-resorts.com/ - 87 Rooms
July, 2007 - Sep, 2008	Group Accountant Singhagiri Limited (Samsung Agent in Sri Lanka) The Company supplying “Consumer Electronic Items”
Apr, 2006 - July, 2007	Accountant cum Manager Administration Embellishments Lanka (Private) Limited The Company supplying in Print and Embellishments to the Apparel industry in Sri Lanka.
Apr, 2003 - Mar, 2006	Senior Accountant cum Manager Administration Print Max (Private) Ltd
Aug, 1997 - Mar, 2003	Senior Audit Assistant Wijeyeratne & Company (Chartered Accountants)

PROFESSIONAL / ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

2021	Postgraduate Diploma in Business Management London School of Commerce
2021	Postgraduate Diploma in International Business Scottish Qualification Authority
2020	Master of Business Administration (Major in Finance) University of Suffolk – United Kingdom
2021 - Onward	Strategic Level - Reading Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka
2021 - Onward	Strategic Case Study - Reading to obtain FCMA & CGMA Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (United Kingdom)
2005	Member Association of Accounting Technicians of Sri Lanka

ACHIVEMENTS

- “Young Accountant of the year” – 2016 - The South Asian Partnership Summit & Business Awards are hosted by World HRD Congress and Endorsed by Asian Confederation of Businesses
- A writer to Daily Financial Times, Lanka Monthly Digest & few other newspapers, Sound knowledge of Business Development, 05 Star Luxury Resorts pre-opening in Maldives, Knowledge in operation & administration, Member of International Lions Club (Melvin Jones Fellow & Mahendra Amarasuriya Fellow), Senior Contributor of TripAdvisor
- Television Presenter & Resource Person (ACE TV)
- Working Experience as a Director of Finance, Financial Controller, Group Chief Accountant, Chief Accountant, Group Accountant and Manager Administration
- Gained working experience in Hospitality, Import and Export, Retails, Apparel and Audit counting 24 years in total in Zanzibar- Tanzania, Maldives, Rwanda and Sri Lanka.
- Prepared management accounts, none audited monthly and quarterly financial statements (Including Cash flow statement)
- Supervise and advise staff to collect long due outstanding and continuously I kept good business relationship with suppliers to improve credit facilities during economic recession period in Maldives, Sri Lanka and Zanzibar - Tanzania.
- Prepared and Implementation of Budgets & Pre-opening of Resorts in Maldives.
- Review of existing integrated accounting system, credit control & MIS to prepare review report for owners.
- Food & beverage, housekeeping, point of sales outlet (restaurant), kitchen, recreation center, spa, boutique and other non-operating department cost reduction during seasonal fluctuations.

STRENGTHS

- Make sound investment decisions to enhance the company's portfolio
- Prepare and outline complex models into simple terms that other teams can work with surveil the performance of investments and software-based report creation
- Analyze trends to reduce financial risks associated with making an investment or spending decisions
- A strong understanding of fiscal policy and investment regulations
- Proven records in usable budget creation for the businesses, including evaluating the needs of each department in the long term
- Offer advice to the CFO and CEO regarding spending and budget-related inquiries
- Hire and oversee leaders in the finance and accounting departments, directing and delivering periodical evaluations
- Being a custodian of the budget and protector of critical assets
- Provide summary metrics with business narratives to ensure C-Level executives understand both the KPIs and the next steps to improve on performance
- Ensure financial and operational systems are standardized, automated, accurate, accessible (in real-time), and in-sync across the business